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SUBJ: SOVIETS CONDEMN VIOLENCE IN MESSAGE TO ARAFAT

1. ACCORDING PRAVDA APRIL 12, SOVIET AFRO- ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE SENT PLO LEADER ARAFAT A CABLE EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AT NEW ISRAELI " CRIME " OF ATTACKING PALESTINE REFUGEE CAMP IN LEBANON. SOVIET MESSAGE, UNDER HEADLINE " NO JUSTIFICATION FOR VIOLENCE AND TERROR " REFERS SPECIFICALLY ONLY TO ACTIONS " TO WHICH ISRAELI RULING CIRCLES HAVE AGAIN RESORTED " AND CONDEMNED ISRAELI PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS. UNDATED CABLE MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO BEIRUT RAID.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY USES SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE AS CHANNEL FOR RELATIONS WITH PLO, ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL (MOSCOW 3710). CONDEMNATION OF TERROR AND VIOLENCE IN MESSAGE TO ARAFAT THROUGH THIS CHANNEL, EVEN THOUGH PLACED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN CONTEXT OF CRITICIZING ISRAEL, MAY, WHILE MEETING PROGAGANDA NEEDS, ALSO CONSTITUTE FORMAL SOVIET REITERATION OF POLICY AGAINST USE OF TERROR. IT COULD BE READ AS VEILED CRITICISM OF PLO LINKS WITH TERRORISTS.

3. SOVIET TREATMENT OF ISRAELI ASSASSINATION OF PALESTINE LEADERS IN BEIRUT HAS BEEN ENTIRELY PRO- ARAB. TINY NEWS DESPATCH ON CYPRUS ATTACKS BY ARAB TERRORISTS WAS CARRIED SEPARATELY IN APRIL 11 CENTRAL PRESS, BUT ONLY MOST DISCERNING SOVIET READER WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAELI VIOLENCE. BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA CORRESPONDENTS HAVE REPORTED PALESTINIAN CLAIMS THAT CIA WAS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN PLANNING OF RAID, ALTHOUGH BOTH REPORTS REFRAIN FROM JUDGING VALIDITY OF THESE ALLEGATIONS.
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